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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report deals with the additional requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992. In accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of the resolutions and decisions. A summary table of all resolutions and decisions for which statements of programme budget implications were submitted is contained in the annex to the present report. It should be noted that the statement which was submitted to the Council in connection with the adoption of resolutions 1992/22 and 1992/24 relating to crime prevention and criminal justice indicated that the programme budget implications of these resolutions would be dealt with in the context of a separate report on revised estimates under section 21 (Social development and humanitarian affairs) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

2. The total estimated requirements arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council amount to $2,158,900 for the biennium 1992-1993 and $5,132,800 for the biennium 1994-1995, totalling $7,291,700.

3. The total requirements cover both substantive ($3,183,700) and conference-servicing ($4,108,000) costs, as shown below:

	1992-1993	1994-1995	Total
		(United States dollars)	
Substantive costs	914 700	2 269 000	3 183 700
Conference-servicing costs	1 244 200	2 863 800	4 108 000
Total	2 158 900	5 132 800	7 291 700

4. The estimates of conference-servicing requirements referred to in paragraph 3 above were calculated on a full-cost basis. With regard to the biennium 1992-1993, the cost estimates for conference-servicing requirements ($1,244,200) are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 41 (Administration and management) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992-1993. In accordance with established practice, provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 not only for meetings already known at the time of the budget preparation, but also for meetings or extensions of such meetings that may be authorized subsequently, based on the pattern that has emerged over the previous five years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the resolutions and decisions by the Economic and Social Council.

5. Total requirements for the biennium 1992-1993, other than conference-servicing costs, arising from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council are estimated at $914,700. Of that amount, $572,200 relate to the full cost of preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace (decision 1992/272), for which an appropriation of $522,200 has already been approved in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Consequently, net requirements would amount to $392,500.

6. In turn, these net requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 include an initial estimate ($100,000) of the costs arising from Economic and Social Council decision 1992/305, on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. Activities of the kind mandated for 1992 under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Commission on Human Rights on the subject and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council have, since the biennium 1986-1987, been considered as "perennial activities". The cost of these activities should normally be met from the provisions initially made in

section 28 (Human rights) of the programme budget for the implementation of Economic and Social Council mandates. However, following a review of the requirements for the implementation of that resolution in the context of the overall resources available under section 28, it is proposed to submit to the General Assembly separate revised estimates under section 28 which would, inter alia, include additional requirements arising from Economic and Social Council decision 1992/305.

7. On that basis, additional net requirements for activities derived from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council not provided for in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and requiring use of the contingency fund are estimated at $292,500 at this stage.

8. In accordance with the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund, a total appropriation of $292,500 is requested under sections 21 (Social development and humanitarian affairs), 23 (Economic Commission for Africa), 24 (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), 26 (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 27 (Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and 28 (Human rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Further details are provided in paragraphs 9 to 27 of the present report by resolution and relevant budget section. A review of alternatives in the event that these estimates would exceed the balance available in the contingency fund is contained in paragraphs 28 to 31 of the present report.

Resolution 1992/17. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Section 21. Social development and humanitarian affairs

9. By paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 1992/17, the Economic and Social Council decided to support the request of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for additional meeting time and also to support the proposal that the twelfth session of the Committee should be of three weeks' duration to remove its backlog in considering reports, and recommended that three weeks be allocated for each subsequent session for the purpose until the problem of the backlog is resolved.

10. The above-mentioned activities would entail additional costs in relation to the daily subsistence allowance for 23 members of the Committee for an additional 7 days of each annual session and conference-servicing requirements for 10 additional meetings. The costs of the extended twelfth session of the Committee in 1993 would amount to $40,000 for substantive requirements under section 21 and $74,400 for conference-servicing requirements under section 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Those costs represent the additional requirements not provided for in the programme budget.

Resolution 1992/18. Violence against women in all its forms

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11. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of its resolution 1992/18, the Economic and Social Council decided to convene in 1992 at Vienna an inter-sessional working group of the Commission on the Status of Women, open to all Member States and observer States, to develop further a draft declaration on violence against women, taking into account the draft declaration contained in the appendix to the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and to report to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session, with a view to recommending a draft declaration to the General Assembly for adoption, through the Economic and Social Council. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not include provisions for the convening of such an inter-sessional working group.

12. The costs relating to the convening of the working group were provisionally estimated at $145,000 for the travel of participants (45 members of the Commission, one representative of each national liberation movement receiving standing invitations under the terms of General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) and one staff member from Headquarters to service the meeting) and at $139,400 for the related conference-servicing requirements.

13. The meeting was scheduled for the period 31 August to 4 September 1992. Under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991, on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1992-1993, the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to enter into commitments under section 21 in an amount up to $140,000 for the holding of the meeting was sought. Authorization was obtained subject to reporting of the actual costs to the Assembly in accordance with the procedure for the use and operation of the contingency fund. The meeting took place as scheduled and the related expenditures, including unliquidated obligations, amounted to $54,500. Those costs represent additional requirements under section 21.

Resolution 1992/20. Advancement of women and human rights

Section 21. Social development and humanitarian affairs

14. Under the terms of paragraph 6 of its resolution 1992/20, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission on the Status of Women to establish, during its thirty-seventh session, an open-ended working group to consider its contribution to the World Conference on Human Rights.

15. The meeting of an open-ended working group of the Commission would require conference-servicing for four additional working days, with one meeting per day to be serviced in all official languages. The estimated conference-servicing requirements on a full-cost basis amount to $98,000.

Decision 1992/259. Extraordinary additional session for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Section 28. Human rights

16. By its decision 1992/259, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the long-standing backlog of States parties' reports awaiting consideration by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, many of which have been pending for well over two years, and being aware that such an abnormal situation seriously undermined the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, authorized on an exceptional basis, the holding of an extraordinary additional session of the Committee of three weeks' duration in the first half of 1993.

17. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights normally holds 1 three-week session towards the end of each year. Travel and subsistence costs are paid for the 18 members of the Committee. Provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for one session annually, amounting to $236,300 for the biennium. Therefore, the addition of one extraordinary session in 1993 would require an additional $118,000 under section 28 of the programme budget to cover the travel and subsistence costs of the members of the Committee.

18. The proposed extraordinary additional session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights would be convened at the United Nations Office at Geneva during the first half of 1993 for a duration of three weeks. The full cost of conference services to be provided to the Committee would amount to $655,800.

Decision 1992/270. Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Section 21. Social development and humanitarian affairs

19. By its decision 1992/270, the Economic and Social Council decided to approve the convening of four additional meetings, with interpretation services, to be held simultaneously with the plenary meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-seventh session, for the purpose of considering, in informal meetings, the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace.

20. The thirty-seventh session of the Commission will take place at Vienna in 1993. The Commission meets for eight working days, with two meetings per day. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not include provisions for the additional meetings as recommended in the decision of the Economic and Social Council.

21. The estimated cost of holding four additional meetings, with interpretation services, to be held simultaneously with the plenary meetings, on a full-cost basis, would amount to $64,400.

Decision 1992/271. Integration of elderly women into development

Section 21. Social development and humanitarian affairs

22. By its decision 1992/271, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the request contained in resolution 36/4 of the Commission on the Status of Women, by which the Commission invited the Secretary-General to report to it at its thirty-eighth session on the establishment, on a country-by-country basis, of profiles concerning the present and future situation of women at all stages of their lives; an evaluation of analytical methods permitting the establishment of strategies and programmes for the integration of women in development; and the inclusion of gender criteria in numerical targets concerning ageing, which are being prepared by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and to report on the implementation of those programmes and targets to the International Conference on Population and Development, in 1994, and to the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, in 1995.

23. The report called for in resolution 36/4 of the Commission on the Status of Women would need to be prepared during 1992 and 1993 and would require nine work-months of consultancy at the P-3 level. The related costs of $45,000 could be accommodated in part from the consultancy provisions already included under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, through redeployment. Funds in the amount of $15,000 could be utilized for this purpose. The remaining costs ($30,000) represent additional requirements under section 21.

Decision 1992/272. Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

Section 23. Economic Commission for Africa

Section 24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Section 26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Section 27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

24. By its decision 1992/272, the Economic and Social Council endorsed resolution 36/8 of the Commission on the Status of Women, which the Commission, acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, adopted at its thirty-sixth session.

25. Resolution 36/8 envisaged a number of activities to be undertaken in the course of preparation for and the holding of the Conference. Those activities and related cost estimates are detailed in the statement of programme budget implications submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992. 2/ It should be noted that the cost estimates for the Conference differ substantially from those reported to the Economic and Social Council in 1990 on a preliminary basis, 3/ owing to a number of additional activities and new parameters for the Conference decided upon by the Commission. The budget for the Conference was increased as follows (at comparable 1992 revised rates):

	Substantive costs	Conference-servicing costs
	(United States dollars)	
Preliminary cost estimates (on the basis of document E/1990/25/Add.1)	1 691 100	1 188 500
Revised costs estimates (on the basis of document E/1992/24/Add.2)	2 761 200	2 715 000
Increase	1 070 100	1 526 500

26. To a large extent, the increase in the costs of the Conference relates to the biennium 1994-1995. As far as the biennium 1992-1993 is concerned, the costs of the preparatory activities are estimated at $572,200. It should be noted that the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 includes a provision of $522,200 under section 21 in relation to the preparation for the Conference for general temporary assistance ($482,600) and for related operational costs ($39,600).

27. The revised programme of preparatory activities requires, therefore, an additional provision of $50,000 for the current biennium over and above the provisions made in the programme budget. That provision relates to regional preparatory activities which had not been foreseen at the time of the submission of preliminary cost estimates for the Conference, namely one ad hoc expert group meeting to be convened in the ECA region in 1993 ($20,000) and consultants services in preparation for regional activities by ECA, ESCAP, ECLAC and ESCWA ($30,000).

Contingency fund

28. In summary, the requests contained in the resolutions and decisions described above would give rise to additional requirements ($292,500) in the following sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993:

Resolution/decision	Consultants	Ad hoc expert groups	Travel of representatives	Total
Section 21				
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1992/17)	-	-	40 000	40 000
Violence against women in all its forms (1992/18)	-	-	54 500	54 500
Integration of elderly women into development (1992/271)	30 000	-	-	30 000
Sections 23, 24, 26 and 27				
Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace (1992/272)	30 000	20 000	-	50 000
Section 28				
Extraordinary additional session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1992/259)	-	-	118 000	118 000
Total	60 000	20 000	212 500	292 500

29. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Also, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to the financing from the contingency fund of the proposed new activities.

30. The implementation of the following activities of low priority would be postponed to the next biennium in the event that the additional requirements arising from the above resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council could not be met from the contingency fund:

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Programme C. Advancement of women
Subprogramme 1. Equality
Activities

3. Published material: publication on achievements of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and obstacles encountered in implementing the Convention ($27,600)

Section 23. Economic Commission for Africa

Subprogramme 8. Advancement of women
Activities

4 (b). Group training: workshop on accessing women to credit ($25,200)

Section 24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Subprogramme 15. Women in development
Activities

2 (b). Non-recurrent publication: implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies in the ESCAP region ($8,000)

Section 26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 9. Social development
Activities

1. Non-recurrent publication on the significance and internal constitution of the formal and informal sectors of the labour force in various national situations ($6,900)

Section 27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Subprogramme 13. Women and development
Activities

2 (a). Recurrent publication on studies on women and development ($10,200)

The funds relating to the activities listed above would be used to finance the activities under decisions 1992/271 and 1992/272 in the event that the resources from the contingency fund would not be available for that purpose.

31. It was not possible to identify activities which could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the current biennium to finance the costs of the activities under resolutions 1992/17 and 1992/18 and decision 1992/259, totalling $212,500. In the event that resources from the contingency fund would not be available to finance activities under resolution 1992/17 and decision 1992/259, implementation of these activities would be postponed to the biennium 1994-1995. As regards the expenditures incurred in connection with the activities under resolution 1992/18, which have already taken place, the related expenditures ($54,500) in that case would be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

32. As regards the substantive requirements for the biennium 1994-1995 ($2,269,000), they will be dealt with at the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

33. In conclusion, subject to the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund, an additional appropriation of $292,500 is requested for the biennium 1992-1993, broken down as follows:

	United States dollars
Section 21	124 500
Section 23	27 500
Section 24	7 500
Section 26	7 500
Section 27	7 500
Section 28	118 000
Total	292 500

Notes

1/ E/CN.6/1992/4.

2/ E/1992/24/Add.2.

3/ See E/1990/25/Add.1.

ANNEX

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF 1992

(United States dollars)

Resolution/ decision number	Title	Statement of programme budget implications	Substantive costs		Conference-servicing costs	
			1992-1993 a/	1994-1995 a/	1992-1993 a/	1994-1995 a/
1992/17	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women	E/1992/24/Add.1	40,000	80,000 b/	74,400	148,800 b/
1992/18	Violence against women in all its forms	E/1992/24/Add.1	54,500	-	139,400	-
1992/20	Advancement of women and human rights	E/1992/24/Add.1	-	-	98,000	-
1992/22	Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/152 concerning operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	E/1992/30/Add.1 c/	-	-	-	-
1992/24	Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	E/1992/30/Add.1 c/	-	-	-	-
1992/259	Extraordinary additional session for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	E/1992/23/Add.1	118,000	-	655,800	-
1992/270	Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women	E/1992/24/Add.1	-	-	64,400	-
1992/271	Integration of elderly women into development	E/1992/24/Add.1	30,000	-	-	-
1992/272	Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace	E/1992/24/Add.2	572,200 d/	2,189,000	-	2,715,000
1992/305	The situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia	E/1992/22/Add.1/ Rev.1, Annex III.	100,000 e/	-	212,000	-
	TOTAL		914,700	2,269,000	1,244,200	2,863,800

a/ At revised 1992 rates.

b/ Costs of the additional 7 days for the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, assuming that extensions of the sessions would still be required in the biennium 1994-1995 to deal with the backlog.

c/ On an exceptional basis and in line with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/152, cost estimates for the activities under these resolutions will be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session in the context of a separate report on the revised estimates under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

d/ Including a provision of $522,200 made for this purpose under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

e/ See para. 6 above.